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Applicants: *Cheyar, et al.*  
Application No.: 09/271,617  
Examiner: Lewis A. Bullock, Jr.  
Art Unit: 2151  
Filed: March 17, 1999  
For: EXTENSIBLE SOFTWARE-BASED  
ARCHITECTURE FOR COMMUNICATION  
AND COOPERATION WITHIN AND  
BETWEEN COMMUNITIES OF  
DISTRIBUTED AGENTS AND DISTRIBUTED  
OBJECTS

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment and Response, with Version of Claims with Markings to Show Changes Made
- ☒ Clean Version of Abstract and Version of Abstract with Markings to Show Changes Made
- ☒ 4 Sheets of corrected drawings
- ☒ Return postcard

2. Entity Status

- ☒ Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27) has been established by a previously submitted Small Entity Statement.

3. Provisional Fee Authorization

Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
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